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NO NECESSITY FOR UNEASINESS ABOUT CONTINUED DRY SPELL

RECORDS SHOW WETTEST YEAR IN HISTORY OF PLAINS
HAD NO RAIN IN JANUARY, FEBRUARY AND MARCH

AVERAGE RAINFALL FOR 37 YEARS 23.64

The Heaviest Rainfall Recorded in Space of Forty-Seven Years,
in January and February, Averaged: January, .71 and
February, .96—Time Yet for Wet Year.

Some very interesting data on the rain fall in West Texas has recently come to light through the publication of rain fall data for every year and every month during the past 37 years in West Texas. During the 37 years it is an interesting fact that the years showing the largest rainfall was the year 1914, notwithstanding the fact that during that year the months of January, February and March show the smallest rainfall during those three months for any three months during the entire 37 years time. In other words the year that gave West Texas the largest rainfall ever known happened to be the year when the first three months recorded the smallest during the entire 37 years. The rainfall that year was 41.61 inches.

Others years during the 37 years time that show the largest rainfalls were: 1888, 30.85; 1905, 33.66; 1908, 34.97. Some of the years showing the smallest rainfalls during this period of time were as follows: 1909, 14.99; 1912, 15.43; 1901, 15.71; 1893, 16.27; 1916, 18.28. An average for the entire 37 years was 23.64.

The two months showing the largest rainfalls for the average period of 37 years were January with an average of 0.71 and February, 0.96. The months showing the heaviest rainfall during the 37 years were May, 3.61; April, 2.60 and January, 2.60. July's average for the 37 years was 2.08 and September's average for the period was 2.62. The record shows on the entire 37 years that more than 2-3 of the annual rainfall in West Texas falls during the summer months because the two next highest months to January and February during the 37 years period are November, 1.37 and December, 1.23.

These figures apparently demonstrate the fact that the summer period is the wet period in West Texas and the winter period is the dry period. Occasionally, however, nature breaks the precedent and gives some abnormal rainfall months in the winter and on the other hand some abnormally light rainfall months in the summer. For instance December 1911's record, 6.29 inches of rain, whereas, January 1906 and January 1907 each record only 0.49 inches of rain, and in January 1901 they are showing no rain at all. The months showing the heaviest rainfall during the entire 37 years were September, 1900 when 9.65 inches of rain fell and August 1914 when 15.70 inches fell.

The year 1922 seems so far to parallel the record of 1914 when West Texas received the largest rainfall ever known in history of the weather bureau. The one difference is that the year 1914 was preceded by heavy rainfall during the months of November and December of the preceding year. Substantially speaking, however, the records of the weather bureau are irrefutable in the conclusion that West Texas gets the bulk of its rainfall during the summer months. These figures were compiled by the West Texas Chamber of Commerce from the statement issued by the First National Bank of Stamford.

FORMER LUBBOCK PEOPLE FORM CANDY COMPANY

A factory which will produce 25,000 pounds of candy a day will be opened in Dallas in a short time by the Northwest Candy Company, which recently has been organized with a capital of \$100,000, according to an announcement made Tuesday morning. Two locations on Elm street for the factory are under consideration. A lease for ten years will be taken on the building, James Bossey is president of the company; S. O'Neal, first vice president; C. A. Rush, second vice president, and W. O. Tubbs, secretary and treasurer.—Dallas Trade Journal.

SECRETARY LOCAL RED CROSS TAKEN ILL SUNDAY

Miss Ellis, the efficient secretary of the local Red Cross Chapter was greatly missed from her office until Wednesday, when she resumed her duties after three days in a local medical institution.

She is an able executive and her office is the busiest place in town usually, for the Red Cross in Lubbock cares for all needy persons, and those who would as. aims of local people are directed there where their case is investigated and cared for accordingly.

R. L. Southward, of Hillsboro, was here Wednesday from Shallowater. He is visiting two of his daughters, Mesdames Geo. Baumgart and C. L. Gunn. He is well pleased with conditions in Lubbock county.

The many friends of Miss Pearl Clements, of Idaho, will be glad to learn that she is getting along nicely after having been operated on in a local sanitarium. She will be able to return to her home before many days have gone.

International Short Course Is Assured For March 20-21

A series of interesting and helpful meetings in agriculture, horticulture, gardening and home conveniences has been assured for this community through the co-operation of the Agricultural Extension Department of the International Harvester Company. They will be held in Lubbock on March 20 and 21.

The purpose of the meetings will be to help the people of this community solve the many problems in agriculture, horticulture and home making.

The Extension Department has a large force of people engaged in strictly educational work. The party coming to this vicinity will consist of H. S. Mobley and Mrs. Bertha Dahl Laves.

Mr. Mobley was national chairman at Washington of Farmers' Organizations' Legislative Committee during the discussion and adoption of such laws as the Farm Loan Bank, Parcel Post, Smith-Lever Bill etc. He is a practical farmer of many years' experience who sees things from the farmer's viewpoint, a successful live stock and alfalfa grower, a leader among community builders, and a well-known lecturer on the various agricultural subjects and home and rural school problems.

Mrs. Laves is superintendent of woman's work at the Minnesota State Fair and is a most interesting lecturer on home, health, sanitation and kindred topics.

The plan is to hold both day and evening sessions, at which admission will be free and everybody—men, women and children—will be welcome.

In the talks and lectures large charts and lantern slides will be used and at every session the subjects treated will be thrown open for discussion.

Moving pictures of an educational and instructive nature will be a feature of the evening meetings.

Complete arrangements for the sessions will be announced as soon as they are completed.

ANOTHER NICE HOME FOR ANOTHER GOOD CITIZEN

Carpenters are now at work on J. C. Dean's lots near his floral business, erecting a modern six room house, which will reflect well on the progressiveness of Mr. Dean.

Lubbock has been making sturdy substantial growth for the past few years, and we are sure that now financial conditions in this section are about to get better than in many months past, there will be a general revival of building which will make us all look about and admire our town more for its many good people.

Spring gardening, painting and landscaping is going to be dotted along over the town with spring building, and we are in hopes that before many suns have passed there will be enough homes built in Lubbock to partially fill the demand for them.

Lubbock is growing and her citizens are realizing their part in the gigantic program.

PEOPLE MISLED BY IN- SURANCE RATE REPORT

A recent article in the Avalanche regarding the fifteen percent reduction on insurance costs in Lubbock was not understood by several, and for their convenience we have been given information on the subject by a local insurance man, whose wide knowledge of the business is without question.

The good fire record obtained for 1922, was made because the ratio of loss for the past three years, in proportion to the premiums collected was below a certain percent. Had the loss been a little heavier, Lubbock would have lost this credit, and the rates would have gone back, but as it now is there is no change in the 1921 rates.

Should the fire loss of 1922 be as heavy as 1921, the probabilities are that the rates would be raised.

PLEADS GUILTY TO FOUR ACTS OF FORGERY

M. C. Covington, of Lubbock, was locked in the county jail Wednesday, charged with four forgery accounts, to which he pleaded guilty, and will be tried in the June term of court.

No bond has been made at this time, which it is thought will be placed at about three thousand dollars and it is not known at this time whether or not the man will be able to make bond.

Washington's Birthday Fittingly Observed in Lubbock by Display of National Flag on Public Buildings and Homes

Lubbock observed Washington's birthday Wednesday better than any ordinary National holiday has ever been observed if one is to judge by the number of American flags displayed by the business houses and residences of the city. Almost every house in town carried a flag before nine o'clock Wednesday morning and the stores report a heavy sale of flags during the day.

This is a custom that is hoped will grow with the passing of additional national holidays until every business house and private residence in the city will not only have a good quality American flag of a suitable size but will also have a flag staff or holder that will display the flags in keeping with the custom and honor due the national flag.

It is a lack of appreciation of customs and respect to the flag to nail it to the side of a wall, or wire it to a tree, or tack it across a door top. They should be properly mounted upon a flag staff and displayed without sweeping the ground, roof or other obstruction, in an upright or slightly inclined position. They should not be placed out before sunrise nor left out after sunset.

A proper observation of these customs will result in a greater appreciation of our flag and what it stands for.

The American Legion is doing a great work along the line of their motto, "100 per cent Americanism" and displaying the American flag is one method of showing your true colors in this occasion.

Sixteen uniformed men representing every branch of the Army went to the High School building Wednesday morning for a special Washington's birthday program, not to show the High School how to put on a Chapel program for they are past masters in that art themselves, but to call to their attention what the Legion stands for and to instill in their minds a closer personal appreciation of our own nation, its problems, ideals and past history in the support of these ideals.

The Legion Orchestra played a number of pieces during the program, a few short talks were made and some whole hearted singing was done—with the assistance of every High School student. By fact it might be said that the High School sang a number of songs in spite of the Legion members.

During the morning a detail from

the Legion visited every room in the Grammar school building and told them something about the Legion and its ideals.

Wednesday evening from eight until twelve, through the courtesy of the Elks Lodge, the Legion entertained its members, all Ex-Service men, their friends and visitors with an informal dance that was attended by representatives from every section of the South Plains. Littlefield and Brownfield having especially large delegations each. Most of the Ex-Service men were in uniform and brought back, in memory, the stirring days of only three years ago when these men were offering their all in the support of the ideals of the American Nation.

Unfortunately we are a forgetful nation in some things and the work of the Legion has been necessary to insure the proper treatment toward the disabled soldier of the late war. This they have been most successful in doing but even at that there has been much room for criticism and politics. But with the passage of time and roll tape is being dispensed with and more liberal and just provisions being made in the interpretation of the provisions of the law looking toward the proper care of the disabled and support of the helpless left from the late war.

The Allen Brother Post of the American Legion in Lubbock carries its part of this work, assists in holding together the service men of the late war and endeavors to promote a better appreciation of the ideals of our nation that forced our participation in the late war with a view to creating such a unified sentiment in the support of our nation and its ideals that war will be forever banished from the world.

Enough fun is mixed with the business of the Legion to keep up interest and its meetings are growing in interest and enthusiasm each month, with a result that the attendance is climbing rapidly. The next meeting date is the first Thursday night in March, same being March 2nd in the Justice Court room and the largest attendance in the history of the Legion is expected.

With the Legion, let's observe our National holidays in a manner befitting the dignity of our Nation and our City.

SHORTY HAMILTON ARRESTED SUN. NEAR SWEETWATER

Shorty Hunter, who is charged with the theft of two sets of harness from a Mr. Johnson near Shallowater, and after burglarizing the office of the Farmer's Elevator and Grain Company, at Kress, took a typewriter, adding machine, and a pair of government scales, but owing to the fact that he did not know what the scales were, threw them away after leaving the building.

His wife has been in Lubbock for several days, and has been watched closely by the police force and sheriff, and it was through her that the thief was apprehended.

She left Lubbock Saturday night and after changing trains a time or two and going in a round about way reached Sweetwater, but was shadowed by the city marshal, and when she went into the country that evening where it was arranged for her husband to meet her she was followed by the city marshal of Sweetwater, Buck Johnson, and when her husband came out of a creek to meet her he was seen by Buck who immediately hastened to the scene and made the arrest.

He is now conveniently located in the Lubbock jail, where it is possible he will be unharmed by the kleptomaniac influence for several days.

Hunter is a smooth one, and has caused the city and county officials no little trouble throughout the past year.

MATERNITY AND INFANCY FUND BILL IS SIGNED

Austin, Feb. 20.—The proclamation permitting Texas to obtain Federal funds for the promotion of the welfare of maternity and infancy in Texas was signed by Governor Neff today.

Under provisions of the Federal bill Texas will receive \$10,000 for the first year, and \$40,000 for each year thereafter provided the state matches the Federal appropriation dollar for dollar. The governor's proclamation directs the state health officer to expend the funds appropriated by the legislature for this welfare work in accordance with terms of the Federal bill.

P. H. Johnson went to Post City Tuesday on business. He is proprietor of the Johnson Studio in Lubbock, and does work in many neighboring towns. Business is good for the man who will go out to get it and we are sure Mr. Johnson will do his part of the hustling.

W. O. Wilkison was here Wednesday from his farm three miles west of town, looking mighty prosperous, having been greatly encouraged by the Tuesday night's shower, and the recent raise in farm product values.

FARM PRODUCTS TAKE HIGHER PRICE LEVEL

Who said it was unprofitable to farm on the Plains and raise feed? That there is nothing to that can be proven by any level headed farmer in Lubbock County, for at this time more than sixty percent of the grain feeds are still in the hands of our farmers, and the raise in prices that has been constantly for the past ten days has placed the price of those grains to such point that it is easy to figure how to come out ahead on the 1921 feed crop.

Threshed maize and kafir is in demand at this time in Lubbock at about one dollar per hundred, corn has advanced from thirty-five to fifty cents per bushel, and other grains have made even greater advances. And Lubbock county farmers have them all.

There has also been about one cent per pound added to the price of hogs. Lubbock buyers at this time are taking care of all they can get at about \$9.80 per hundred and for the past thirty days there has been an average of about fifteen cars per day shipped from here, and the average will be kept up through the spring and well into the summer according to those best acquainted with the hog raising industry in this trade territory.

STAMFORD SCHOOL BOND ISSUE PASSED STRONGLY

Three hundred twelve for and 51 against was the way the Bond Election went last Thursday. The School Board immediately passed the Bond Order and President of School Board, Dr. J. E. Montgomery and Supt. N. S. Holland are now in Austin to confer with the Attorney General regarding the details connected with the issuing of these bonds.

The transaction, whereby these bonds amounting to \$80,000.00 will be sold, has already been completed and thus Stamford is assured of having in the near future, new and adequate school buildings for the accommodation of her children. These buildings will be located on the old Stamford College grounds in College Heights and will be modern in every respect.—Stamford Leader.

AMARILLO RANCHER IS ACQUITTED IN KILLING

Vega, Texas, Feb. 18.—Henry C. Harding, wealthy cattleman of Amarillo, yesterday was acquitted by a jury here of the murder of D. E. Walker, who was shot and killed last May 13 on the defendant's ranch.

Harding pleaded self defense. The jury was out but a short time.

Mrs. G. W. Scott, who was operated on last week in a local sanitarium is getting along nicely at this time, and will be able to be about soon.

KIWANIS CLUB MET IN BANQUET AT METHODIST CHURCH THURS.

PROMINENT PLAINVIEW MEN ATTENDED AND INVITED
LUBBOCK MEMBERS TO ATTEND THEIR MEETINGS

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS ARE APPOINTED

Chamber of Commerce and Rotary Club Representatives Made Interesting Talks, Assuring the New Club a Hearty Welcome—
Desire Expressed to Join Hands and Work for Lubbock.

Colorado Getting Ready for Increase Business From Oil

Colorado, Texas, Feb. 23.—Colorado if prepared to meet the conditions that are expected to arise here within the near future as the result of oil development. Bonds with which to impound a large lake of water, with a capacity of approximately 142,000,000 gallons of water, to extend the water mains and install a complete sewer system have been let by the city and recently placed on the market. The projects to be built with these bonds will afford ample accommodations for a city much larger than Colorado. Work on these projects is expected to get under way within the next few months. The city now is well supplied with electricity for power and light. The Texas and Pacific Railway Company has recently completed a large freight warehouse here making these facilities sufficient for a city with a population several times larger. The industrial yards of the railway company in Colorado are large enough as to insure ample accommodations of shippers in car load lots. In the matter of construction of new buildings, this city is again favorably situated. There is located almost within the city limits one of the largest sand and gravel pits to be found in this part of the state. This material is being specified by architects at many places along the Texas and Pacific because of its superior quality.

According to advices to the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, the funds for the construction of a concrete viaduct over the Colorado River are now available, but nothing will be done until the arrival of an engineer from the State Highway Department.

J. A. Rountree, director general of the Bankhead Highway stated upon the occasion of his last visit to Colorado that the Federal Department at Washington regarded the culvert and bridge construction on the route in Mitchell county very highly. Photographs of some of these structures between Colorado and Lorraine are filed at Washington as examples of accredited construction.

County Will Do Much Road Work After a Good Rain

Workmen are busy getting the big Avery 40-80 tractor in shape for the road work, and they expect to start something as soon as the ground is wet enough to do anything.

The roads that were constructed in the spring have been almost hopeless so far as putting them into shape is concerned, as the dry dirt was blown away, leaving great holes in some places, and sharp ridges in others, making automobile riding almost a task.

The four Avery "road shaver" machines that were unloaded about three week ago, are capable looking machines, and as they are one-man machines the work of putting the roads in shape will be a matter of only a little time.

The precinct No. 1 mechanics, Tom Hollinsworth and J. Chism are busy making arrangements to start, and we are sure that under the directions of the able commissioner they will make the roads leading into the city fine for automobile riding, and the carrying of heavy loads of farm products which are hauled to market here each day.

Good roads are a necessity and the progressiveness of our commissioners is to be appreciated.

Lubbock will grow and our people will realize it, therefore the necessity of adequate roadbuilding and street making implements is easily known.

HEDLEY IS SHIPPING LARGE AMOUNT OF POULTRY

Hedley, Texas, Feb. 21.—Two car loads of poultry and 125 cases of eggs were shipped from here today, the total receipts for the entire shipment was more than \$3,200.00. A message to the West Texas Chamber of Commerce says that this large shipment of poultry is the result of the farmers culling out the "scrub" stock and poor layers, replacing them with standard bred chickens. This very important point in poultry raising was demonstrated by the poultry specialists in charge of the Denver Railway one-day poultry school, which was held here a few weeks ago.

The Lubbock business men got together yesterday at the noon hour in their first meeting of the newly organized Kiwanis Club, and a splendid program was rendered.

The ladies of the Methodist church took care of the banquet, prepared it in their church kitchen and served the luncheon in the long dining room, where the Club will meet each Thursday noon in the future, and here let us say their knowledge of the culinary art is not to be doubted, and anyone who partook of that deed will admit that we are telling the truth in saying that their dinner was about the best possible.

The meeting was called to order by Dr. R. B. Hutchinson, chairman of the day, and immediately Al Stimers, the organizer with an international reputation as the most expert pep dispenser in the entire state made an interesting talk on what the Kiwanis Club is, its purposes, duties and a few hints on what it had accomplished in other towns.

Mesdames J. B. Cardwell and Ed Robinson added greatly to the program with two Kiwanis numbers, their talent was appreciated by the entire membership.

It was regrettable that W. O. Stevens, temporary treasurer, and C. E. Maedgen, temporary secretary, were absent, having left last week for a convention of bankers at Fort Worth which met Wednesday. The attendance prize, a five dollar check, presented by Mr. Stevens, which is to be spent by ten Kiwanians before it is cashable at the bank, was won by E. A. Morgan, and started on its rounds immediately after the meeting adjourned.

The Plainview Club was represented by its secretary, W. J. Klingler, a live wire who knows the Kiwanis work and how to go about it, also secretary-treasurer of the Texas Land Development Company, Arthur Boyd, president of the Plainview Chamber of Commerce; J. G. Holton, Furniture man and F. T. Huff, Insurance man, and that those Plainview men are awake and on the job was learned from a short, full-of-pep talk by Mr. Boyd, who assured us that he was appreciative of the public spirit that helped to place a Kiwanis Club here, and that the Plainview club would be glad to welcome any member from Lubbock who might visit them. He also stated that it was their desire to have the Lubbock Kiwanis Club the guest of their club sometime in the near future, when a special program will be given.

In the Lubbock Rotary Club and Chamber of Commerce for a Kiwanis Club in Lubbock? Well, that fact is altogether up to whether Jud Rix and Curtis A. Koen, of the two organizations, know what they were talking about, for they are both big numbers and the talks they made were to the point, and there is no need saying they were glad to see the Kiwanis Club in Lubbock, for their every sentence emphasized that fact.

The report of the committee on nominations was read by the chairman, E. C. Young, the nominations being unanimously accepted, and the following officers elected:

Officers: Dr. R. B. Hutchinson, President; Percy Spencer, Vice-President; W. O. Stevens, Treasurer; Neal A. Douglas Jr., Secretary; Claude B. Hurlbut, District Trustee.

Board of Directors: Dr. R. B. Hutchinson, Percy Spencer, W. O. Stevens, G. V. Smith, C. E. Maedgen, M. M. Dupre, A. E. Morgan, W. C. Rylander, E. C. Simmons and K. Carter.

The Nominating Committee was composed of C. G. Bloom, Louie P. Moore and E. C. Young.

Now that we have a Kiwanis Club let's make it go.

TAHOKA GETS MATERIAL FOR WATER SYSTEM TANK

Tahoka, Feb. 17.—Tahoka has received a portion of the material for the new 100-foot tower and water tank to be installed shortly. More water mains and fire hydrants will be installed over the city at an early date. A fire truck with several thousand feet of hose was recently purchased by the city.

J. A. Burgess was here Wednesday from his fine farm five miles west of town, and looked about as happy as a farmer could be. He said the rain he received on his place Tuesday night was not sufficient to help much, but proved that it could rain here, and that it might be a starter of a real good soaker.